

Board of Mineral Mining Examiners Meeting

Summary Minutes

December 19, 2006

Charlottesville, VA

Members Present: Elisha Hall, Darrell Haymore, David Johnson, Raymond Roeder, David Ryan, Mike Sheets, Conrad Spangler, and Virlo Stiltner

Members Not Present: George Blair

DMME Employees Present: Jeff Stewart, David Spears, and Tom Bibb

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:10 a.m. with an opening statement from Mr. Spangler and a brief introduction of the persons in attendance and an overview of the purpose and agenda of the meeting.

Board Member Orientation

Conrad Spangler and David Spears conducted new member orientation for Elisha Hall, Darrell Haymore, and Raymond Roeder. Mr. Spangler provided an overview of DMME, DMM, and the BMME. Mr. Spears reviewed the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and Administrative Process Act.

Conflict of Interest Training

Jeff Stewart facilitated the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act training to the Board Members, as required by Section 2.2-3130 of the Code of Virginia. The training included watching a DVD presentation prepared by the Office of the Attorney General. Upon completion of the training, Board Members completed the Course Certification Form.

Business Meeting

The Board next conducted a business meeting that included review of recent flyrock incidents by Tom Bibb and a discussion of potential actions that the Board could take to mitigate the future occurrence of flyrock incidents. The discussion included potentially requiring verification of company related blaster training, more detailed experience, work experience certified by a certified blaster, and requiring specific amount and types of blaster related experience beyond the current 1 year experience. The Board suggested that DMM prepare various potential actions that the Board could implement for review at the next Board meeting.

The Board recommended that the next meeting be held in April or May 2007.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.